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In re Application of:)
Kazuhiko SATO, et al.)
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING CARBOXYLIC ACID

**Commissioner for Patents
MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
Alexandria, VA 22314**

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows: